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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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PRODUCING CAST CONCRETE  
ARTICLES

Serial No. 10/056,939

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The most pertinent prior art known to applicants was cited in the parent application Serial No. 09/344,131, filed June 24, 1999, and now pending. Enclosed herewith is a copy of PTO Form 1449 listing that prior art. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) a copy of the listed art in the parent application is not provided.

In addition to the art cited in the parent application, applicants are aware of the following additional references which are being submitted pursuant to the requirements of 35 C.F.R. § 1.97, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56:

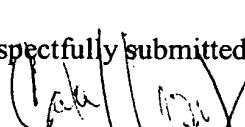
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The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the foregoing references are prior art. The Examiner is respectfully urged to make an independent search and evaluation of all art.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of each of the above-cited additional references and a completed PTO Form 1449 for those additional references.

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